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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in an English language abstract,
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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AB	4,680,893	7/1987	Cronkhite et al.			
	AC	5,154,021	10/1992	Bombardier et al.			
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	AK	7-9340	1/1995	Japan			Abstract	
	AL	9-309063	2/1997	Japan			Abstract	
	AM	9-29619	2/1997	Japan			Abstract	
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	AB	5,916,010	6/1999	Varian et al.			
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	AK	0 754 525	1/1997	Europe				
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